

# Guidance and Counseling Services

# DIGEST

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*Please forward this Digest to your colleagues.*

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*Our Vision: That all schools will have fully implemented Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Programs that advance the academic, career, and personal/social development of all students.*

*Our Mission: To work collaboratively with counselor educators, the Missouri School Counselor Association, the Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education and other stakeholders to develop and provide resources and meaningful professional development that support professional school counselors and career services personnel in their efforts toward full implementation of their programs.*

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## **Announcements**

### **New Director of Guidance and Counseling**

We are excited to welcome Dr. Rene' Yoesel as our new Director of Guidance and Counseling. Dr. Bragg Stanley set a very high bar for excellence and is certainly missed but we are fortunate to have someone with Rene's experience, talents and passion to champion our cause. Dr. Yoesel has 32 years of educational experience as an elementary and K-12 school counselor. She is an LPC and has extensive experience as an adjunct professor, family/adolescent therapist, and prison rehabilitation and support therapist. Rene' is quickly learning the ropes at DESE and is eager to work with Missouri's outstanding professional school counselors and those that support our exemplary state guidance and counseling program! Our third guidance position will not be filled. Rene, Tom, and Loree are here to serve!

### **Welcome To A New School Year**

Welcome back! We wish you the best for a great school year! Rene' and Tom are settling in as a new team and developing the scope of work that will continue to address our guidance and counseling vision and mission as well as our state Top 10 x 20 initiative. The new work plan will certainly continue our efforts to enhance our guidance curriculum, mentoring, Missouri Connections, Guidance System of Support, counselor/administrator relationships, Pathways to Prosperity, building evaluation capacity for guidance and counseling programs, and updating our DESE website to improve our ability to more fully implement comprehensive guidance and counseling programs.

Missouri is recognized as a model for collaboratively building a quality guidance and counseling program. Let us continue to work together to support one another and remain leaders in the profession. *Together we can* enrich our programs to better support students and keep Missouri in the forefront of school counseling excellence!

### **Guidance Digest Distribution System**

Initial plans are for the Guidance Digest to be published the first of every month. Emails are sent to one contact person in each district/organization, *not* to every school counselor. It is important that you communicate within your district, create an internal distribution system and diligently forward these newsletters. Notify Rene' Yoesel regarding changes in contact information at [rene.yoesel@dese.mo.gov](mailto:rene.yoesel@dese.mo.gov)

## DESE Guidance and Counseling Website Changes

All guidance and counseling materials and resources are now located on the DESE Guidance and Counseling website. This includes materials previously located on the Guidance eLearning Center supported by the Missouri Center for Career Education (MCCE). MCCE is still maintaining its guidance and counseling site but that site will no longer be supported by DESE guidance.

The vision for combining the DESE and MCCE site is to create a one-stop-shop for your guidance resources. Check out the new and *still under development* DESE site at <http://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/guidance-counseling>

To locate the Guidance and Counseling tab on the DESE website, go to:

- <http://dese.mo.gov/>
- "Educators " tab - on the top light blue ribbon
- "Guidance & Counseling" on the left side of the drop down menu
- Note the Program Components in the center box and the alphabetical listing of sources in the right column

This transition and updating process is a complex process that will extend well into the fall. Contact Chris Coffman at [Christopher.Coffman@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Christopher.Coffman@dese.mo.gov) for broken links and technical issues. Contact Tom Schlimpert at [Tom.schlimpert@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Tom.schlimpert@dese.mo.gov) regarding materials, resources and the organization of this site.

## Missouri Scholars Academy 2015

The 2015 Missouri Scholars Academy will be held June 7-27, 2015 on the campus of the University of Missouri in Columbia. Importantly this year, the ACT PLAN<sup>®</sup> test that most schools have used in past years will not be available. Therefore schools should plan to administer *either* the PSAT<sup>®</sup>, ACT<sup>™</sup>, or ASPIRE<sup>™</sup> test to potential student nominees in early fall 2014. Also, students must have a score for one individual intelligence test within the last 3 years. Nomination information will be sent to schools in late October, including details about the selection process, necessary deadlines, and the student activity fee. If you know of personnel changes that would aid in updating our database, we would be obliged if you could pass those on as well. We would also encourage schools that haven't submitted nominations recently to consider doing so. Questions about all areas of the MSA 2015 should be directed to Steven Keller, director of the Missouri Scholars Academy, [KellerS@missouri.edu](mailto:KellerS@missouri.edu).

## 2015 FAFSA Frenzy Host Site application

[FAFSA Frenzy](#) is being offered in Missouri for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in January, February and March of 2015. High school counselors, financial aid officers, college access professionals and other organizations interested in hosting a FAFSA Frenzy site next year, may now complete [the 2015 host site application](#) via the MDHE website. The 2015 Missouri FAFSA Frenzy main event date is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 22. A second date, Sunday, March 1, 2015, will serve as a back up in the event of inclement weather conditions, however, if these dates do not work for your institution or organization, you may choose alternate dates. For more information visit MDHE's [FAFSA Frenzy Web page](#).

\*FAFSA Frenzy, a program of [College Goal Sunday](#)<sup>SM</sup>, is offered in Missouri through partnerships between the MDHE with [Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel](#), and USA Funds.

**HOST APPLICATIONS ARE DUE Friday, AUG. 22, 2014!**

## First Lady Michele Obama's Speech at ASCA Summer Conference

<http://www.schoolcounselor.org/>

It's good!

## Pathways to Prosperity

Missouri is one of nine states selected by the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Jobs for the Future to participate in the Pathways to Prosperity Network, a national education initiative designed to build career pathways systems for high-school-aged students. The network emerged as a result of the interest generated by the Harvard Graduate School of Education report, [Pathways to Prosperity: Meeting the Challenge of Preparing Young Americans for the 21st Century](#). The report has important implications for educational reform and for guidance and counseling, especially in the area of career development and individual student planning. School counselors, administrators, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to read the report. Go to [Missouri Pathways to Prosperity](#) for more information.

## Program Components

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Resources that could be used as part of a comprehensive guidance and counseling program are provided for your review. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either the Guidance and Counseling Services Section or the Department.

### CURRICULUM

#### Guidance Curriculum Update

The newly updated guidance curriculum is in the process of being posted! Our wonderful Guidance Curriculum Writing Team has done an outstanding job of updating and enhancing K-12 unit and lesson plans for all three program component strands! Check it out at [Guidance Curriculum](#)

**Missouri Connections** also has quality career development lesson plans and activities. Log into Missouri Connections and explore "Activity Map" in the JR version, "Plan" in the high school version and "Classroom Activities" in the "Tools for Counselors and Teachers" in both versions.

### INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PLANNING

#### Missouri Connections

Missouri Connections continues to provide multiple updates, improvements and additions that will be ready for this fall. An updated Combined Report of Assessments, two new informal assessments, a completely updated Reality Check, improved Help & Tutorials buttons, a new Personal Learning Plan (that can work as a Personal Plan of Study) and a newly designed and enhanced Administrative Site are some of the improvements.

Go to [Missouri Connections](#) and click on the "Training" tab at the top of the page for "What's New in 2014" and the "Fall Workshop" training schedule.

The Missouri Connections Fall Training Schedule is posted. Go to [Training Calendar](#) and review the newly designed agenda that has been created to meet the wide array of user needs as well as the calendar and registration information. Two sessions are offered each day, the second session being a repeat of the first.

Contact **Jackie Coleman** at 573.634.0043, Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, or e-mail [jcoleman@motrainer.com](mailto:jcoleman@motrainer.com) with questions, support or if your school/site would benefit from a more in-depth or specific training or webinar.

*into*Careers, the host company that provides Missouri Connections is actively working on providing an elementary version and the ability to interface with student data management systems such as Tyler/SIS and Power School. The elementary discussion is just beginning. The interface option does exist but requires programming on the district side. Contact Tom Schlimpert at [tom.schlimpert@dese.mo.gov](mailto:tom.schlimpert@dese.mo.gov) for more information.

## Thank you!

A sincere thank you to the 620 counselors who responded to the Individual Student Planning Survey the College and Career Consultants sponsored last spring. The results of that survey will be reviewed at our August meeting and will be used to guide our work plan for GSOS and other programming. Your voice from the field is vital! Thank you for taking the time to complete that survey!

## Free Tools to Help Families Save, Plan, and Pay for College

Families need the right tools to put a plan for college in place. Sallie Mae's **College Planning Toolbox** is a suite of free tools, calculators, and resources to help students and families navigate their way through every phase of saving, planning and paying for college. The toolkit consists of a **Free Scholarship Search** of more than 3 million available scholarships – worth up to \$18 billion; a **College Planning Calculator** to assist students start their financial plan for college by creating a comprehensive step-by-step strategy to help them save and pay for higher education; and an **Award Letter Analyzer** allows families to make a fair "apples-to-apples" comparison among the financial aid award letters they've received and discover the true cost of tuition at each school for which they've been accepted. You can obtain more information at [www.SallieMae.com/PlanForCollege](http://www.SallieMae.com/PlanForCollege) or by contacting [Laura.Steinbeck@SallieMae.com](mailto:Laura.Steinbeck@SallieMae.com)

## National College Fair Kansas City

A **FREE** National College Fair sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) is coming to Kansas City. Over 150 colleges and universities from all over the country and 4,000+ students and families are expected to attend. National College Fairs allow students to meet face-to-face with college admission representatives from a wide range of postsecondary institutions. Free college planning and financial aid workshops will also be held.

**Kansas City Convention Center, Salon A (301 W 13th Street, KCMO 64105)**

**Sunday, October 5 - 1:00pm-4:00pm**

**Monday, October 6 - 8:30am-11:30am**

Student Registration: *It is important to preregister for the fair.* By creating an account at [www.gotomyncf.com](http://www.gotomyncf.com), students will receive their own barcode that will be scanned by the college representatives at the fair. *Students will need to have their barcode registration with them when they attend the fair.* Visit the [www.nationalcollegefairs.org](http://www.nationalcollegefairs.org) website for details and information about NACAC and the Kansas City fair.

Please email [rob.lundien@nkcschools.org](mailto:rob.lundien@nkcschools.org) for more information if you are planning to bring a bus or van of students.

## RESPONSIVE SERVICES

### Mandated Reporter

Missouri's Mandated Reporter requirements state that "All mandatory reporters shall, upon finding reasonable cause, directly and immediately report suspected child abuse or neglect."

([Section 162.069.3 RSMo.](#)) (Section 210.115 RSMo.) <http://missourikidsfirst.org/>

### Resource Numbers

#### National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255) <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

#### Missouri School Violence Hotline

1-866-748-7047 <https://www.schoolviolencehotline.com/>

#### Missouri Child Abuse or Neglect Hotline

1-800-392-3738 <http://dss.mo.gov/cd/can.htm>

### **Access to Crisis Intervention**

The Missouri Department of Mental Health provides the Access Crisis Intervention (ACI) line that is staffed by professionals who can respond to adults, youth and families experiencing a mental health crisis 24 hours per day and 7 days per week. The link below provides a map with regional call numbers. <http://dmh.mo.gov/mentalillness/progs/acimap.htm>

### **Trevor Lifeline**

The Trevor Project offers the Trevor Lifeline, a national 24/7 crisis intervention and suicide prevention lifeline for LGBTQ young people (ages 13-24), available free at 1-866-488-7386. Help can also be accessed through chat on line or text, find more information at:

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/pages/get-help-now>

## **SYSTEM SUPPORT**

### **DESE/MSCA Mentoring Program**

Full certification requires two years of mentoring. The Department and MSCA have collaborated to develop a mentoring program tailored made for new school counselors who are in need of a mentor with school counseling experience or who have a mentor but who would like to participate in this structured program designed to assist new counselors in more fully implementing their programs. If you would like to participate or need additional information contact Dr. Jan Ward at [jward@semo.edu](mailto:jward@semo.edu)

Dr. Rene' Yoesel at [rene.yoesel@dese.mo.gov](mailto:rene.yoesel@dese.mo.gov) is the DESE contact.

### **College and Career Consultants**

Your regional College and Career Consultant is a valuable resource to support your guidance and counseling program. See [College and Career Consultants](#) for more information and contact information.

### **Missouri Virtual Instruction (MoVIP)**

MoVIP, or the Missouri Virtual Instruction Program, which is run by the Department, is currently registering K-12 students for the upcoming fall semester. MoVIP currently offers about 150 different online courses in a wide variety of subjects including AP, foreign language and electives. MoVIP is an excellent resource to help school districts meet their College and Career-Ready (CCR) and High School-Ready (HSR) goals at little cost. School districts can get reimbursed from DESE for about 90% of the tuition costs. MoVIP also offers state-funded tuition for students who qualify as medically fragile. All courses are also taught by Missouri-certified and highly-qualified teachers. For more information, please visit [www.movip.org](http://www.movip.org), or contact Steve Schellman at 573-751-2453 or [steve.schellman@dese.mo.gov](mailto:steve.schellman@dese.mo.gov)

## **Conferences and Professional Development Opportunities**

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### **Guidance System of Support**

Plans are being made for the fifth year of the Guidance System of Support professional development opportunities. This fall's focus will be "Reflect, Collaborate, Act - Moving Your Program Forward" which will review guidance K-12 individual student planning tools and provide ample time to collaborate with regional peers to enhance your Individual Student Planning process. If you want to continue having this type of support, you need to attend, contribute and learn. Meeting details are being finalized and will be posted at [Guidance System of Support](#)



## **MSCA and MoACTE: Your Keys to Professional Development**

If you have not done so, be sure to join or renew your membership with your professional organizations. Both MSCA and MoACTE not only provide outstanding conferences and other professional development activities but also advocate for school counselors and CTE at the state and national levels. It is important to note however, that YOU are MSCA and MoACTE through your membership and support. Be sure to join both at the state and regional levels. Additional information can be found at:

[MSCA Membership](#) [MSCA Region Information](#) and [MoACTE Divisions](#)

## **2014 Federal Virtual Bullying Prevention Summit**

You are cordially invited to virtually attend the 2014 Federal Bullying Prevention Summit, Keeping Kids Safe: Opportunities and Challenges in Bullying Prevention, which will be held on Friday, August 15, 2014 from 8:30-5:30 p.m. EDT. This event will be offered as a [live streaming webcast](#).

The Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention aim to highlight successful strategies that support the creation of a positive school climate. Other topics that will be covered include cyberbullying, related bullying behaviors that impact healthy school climate, and the relationship between bullying prevention programs and school discipline. Registration for virtual participants will be available through the day of the Summit. [Register to join the Summit virtually](#)

## **Missouri Safe Schools and Colleges Conference**

**September 23-25 Tan-Tar-A**

[Missouri Center for Ed Safety website](#)

## **Missouri Mental Health Counselors Association**

**September 25-27 Inn at Grand Glaize, Lake of the Ozarks.**

See their [website](#) additional information and registration information.

## **Missouri School Counselor Association (MSCA) Fall Conference**

**November 2-4 Tan-Tar-A**

This year's theme is: Instilling Hope. See the [MSCA Website](#) for more information

## **Missouri Association for Career Services (MACS) Fall Conference**

**September 18-19 Columbia**

For registration information contact Stacie Wild at 660.596.7256 or [swild@sfccmo.edu](mailto:swild@sfccmo.edu)

## **Missouri Coordinated School Health Coalition**

**TBD**

Information can be found on the Coalition's [website](#).

## **Missouri Department of Higher Education Newsletter**

The Journey to College [Monthly Reminder](#), is an electronic resource produced by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and is packed full of postsecondary tips directed toward Missouri's students and their parents.

Subscribe to the Monthly Reminder at <http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/reminders2.php>.

## Interesting Insights

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### Missouri Connections - Top 10

The top 10 schools using Missouri Connections, based on the number of hits per site are: Poplar Bluff Junior High, Potosi High School, Yeokum Middle School, Truman High School - Independence, AEL - St. Louis City, Fort Osage R-I School District, Northwest High School (Cedar Hill), Waynesville Middle School, Raymore-Peculiar Senior High School, Lee's Summit High School.

Congratulations to those schools for using Missouri Connections to help their students become college and career ready!

### Career Cluster Inventory Results

For the past four years the top and bottom five career clusters have remained identical based on the results from approximately 90,000 Career Cluster Inventory surveys taken annually through Missouri Connections.

In rank order:

Top Five: Architecture (11,928 responses), Arts, Agriculture, Health, and Information

Bottom Five: Transportation, Business, Law, Government, Marketing (900 responses)

*It's interesting that these results remain constant over time. It also raises the question of how are school and classroom experiences cultivating and building on these student interests? How are we developing their knowledge base of jobs and career options? How are we connecting learning with their interests and career possibilities? What implications does this information have for our society and democracy when government is the second from the bottom?*

### Big Picture Perspective

*“Dear Teacher,*

*I am the survivor of a concentration camp. My eyes saw what no person should witness:*

*Gas chambers built by learned engineers. Children poisoned by educated physicians. Infants killed by trained nurses. Women and babies shot and burned by high school and college graduates.*

*So I am suspicious of education. My request is: Help your students become human. Your efforts must never produce learned monsters, skilled psychopaths, educated Eichmanns. Reading, writing and arithmetic are important only if they were to make our children more humane.”*

*A principal to his teachers on the first day of school, “Teacher and Child”*

**Each child you touch needs what you and your guidance and counseling program have to offer!  
Here's to making a difference this year!**

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